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BY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 634)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act creating an opioid antagonist medication fund for first
- 2 responders.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. <u>NEW SECTION</u>. 135.190A Opioid antagonist 2 medication fund.
- An opioid antagonist medication fund for first
 responders is created within the state treasury under the
- 5 control of the department. The fund shall consist of moneys
- 6 appropriated to or deposited into the fund.
- 7 2. Moneys in the fund are appropriated to the department for
- 8 the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of opioid antagonist
- 9 medication administered by first responders to persons
- 10 experiencing an opioid-related overdose. The department is
- 11 authorized to designate moneys in the fund for the purchase,
- 12 maintenance, and replacement of opioid antagonist medication
- 13 used by the department or other entities under this section.
- 3. First responders may contact the department for the
- 15 procurement of opioid antagonist medication. The department
- 16 shall keep a record of the distribution of moneys from the
- 17 fund.
- 18 4. The fund may consist of available federal or state moneys
- 19 available, as well as any available opioid lawsuit settlement
- 20 moneys. Funds may be transferred between other state agencies
- 21 and the fund as appropriate.
- 22 5. Notwithstanding section 8.33, moneys in the fund
- 23 that remain unencumbered or unobligated at the close of
- 24 a fiscal year shall not revert but shall remain available
- 25 for expenditure for the purposes designated unless federal
- 26 regulations otherwise require. Notwithstanding section 12C.7,
- 27 subsection 2, interest or earnings on moneys in the fund shall
- 28 be credited to the fund.
- 29 6. The department shall submit a report to the
- 30 co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint appropriations
- 31 subcommittee on the justice system and to the legislative
- 32 services agency on or before December 31 of each year which
- 33 shall contain a list of deposits and expenditures from the fund
- 34 for the prior fiscal year and the amount of carryover funds, if
- 35 any, to be distributed in the next fiscal year.

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- 1 7. For purposes of this section:
- 2 a. "First responder" means an emergency medical care
- 3 provider, a registered nurse staffing an authorized service
- 4 program under section 147A.12, a physician assistant staffing
- 5 an authorized service program under section 147A.13, a fire
- 6 fighter, or a peace officer as defined in section 801.4 who is
- 7 trained and authorized to administer an opioid antagonist.
- 8 b. "Opioid antagonist" means the same as defined in section
- 9 147A.1.
- 10 c. "Opioid-related overdose" means the same as defined in
- ll section 147A.1.
- 12 EXPLANATION
- The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 15 This bill creates an opioid antagonist medication fund for 16 first responders.
- 17 The bill provides that an opioid antagonist medication
- 18 fund (fund) for first responders is created within the state
- 19 treasury under the control of the department of public health
- 20 (department). The fund shall consist of moneys appropriated
- 21 to or deposited in the fund and may include available federal
- 22 or state moneys, as well as any available opioid lawsuit
- 23 settlement moneys. Funds may be transferred between other
- 24 state agencies and the fund as appropriate. Moneys in the
- 25 fund are appropriated to the department for the purchase,
- 26 maintenance, and replacement of opioid antagonist medication to
- 27 be administered by first responders to persons experiencing an
- 28 opioid-related overdose. Moneys in the fund may be designated
- 29 for the purchase, maintenance, and replacement of opioid
- 30 antagonist medication. First responders may contact the
- 31 department for the procurement of opioid antagonist medication
- 32 and the department shall keep a record of the distribution of
- 33 moneys from the fund.
- 34 The bill provides that moneys in the fund that remain
- 35 unencumbered or unobligated at the close of a fiscal year shall

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- 1 not revert but shall remain available for expenditure, unless
- 2 federal regulations otherwise require, and interest or earnings
- 3 on moneys in the fund shall be credited to the fund.
- 4 The bill provides that the department shall submit a report
- 5 to the co-chairpersons and ranking members of the joint
- 6 appropriations subcommittee on the justice system and to the
- 7 legislative services agency on or before December 31 of each
- 8 year which shall contain a list of deposits and expenditures
- 9 from the fund for the prior fiscal year and the amount of
- 10 carryover funds, if any, to be distributed in the next fiscal 11 year.
- 12 The bill provides definitions.